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BRADSHAW MURDER CASE.

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Q. Judge Fish ruled that the line of questioning should not be pursued at that time. The witness in answer to questions said she met Miss Hicks in May after moving to Lyndon. At that time she said she went into the house to get warm.

Q. Who was with you?

A. Mr. Ford.

Q. When was the next time?

A. When I went to get the horse.

Q. Who was with you?

A. Mr. Ford.

Q. The next time who was with you?

A. Mr. Ford.

Q. Who engaged you to clean house at Bradshaw's?

A. Miss Hicks.

Q. When did she engage you?

A. The last time I went there to make payment on the little horse.

Q. Had you ever done any work for her before?

A. I had not.

Q. Is it a large house?

A. Not a very large house.

Q. Very small house?

A. I should say it was.

Q. Mrs. Kenniston then said she washed the woodwork in the kitchen and later sat by the window.

Q. Did you see anyone go by, any team?

A. I think I saw a team go by.

Shift Hard for Child to Walk.

The most damaging testimony given by the witness while on the stand was testimony to the effect that the child was so badly crippled it was very difficult for her to walk.

Q. You and Miss Hicks were the only persons at the house that day, no other persons came there?

A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. How far from the house did you go berrying?

A. Not very far.

Q. How far in the pasture?

A. Just up the bank.

Q. In plain sight of the house?

A. Yes.

Q. If during that time anyone came to the house you would have seen them?

A. Yes, sir, in the forenoon.

Q. How long were you up there?

A. I don't think it was over a half hour.

Q. Why didn't you take Alice with you?

A. I don't know why she didn't take her.

Q. Was there any reason?

A. There was no reason.

Q. Now didn't you say, be a nice little girl and stay at the house?

A. No.

Q. Didn't she insist upon going?

A. She did not.

Q. Do you think the child could have walked and kept along with you, would it have been hard for her?

A. I think it would have been.

Q. The child was very crippled as to walking on rough ground.

A. I should presume so.

Q. Never saw her walk in high grass?

A. No.

Q. Did you and Miss Hicks have a horse?

A. We did not.

Had No Confidence in Miss Hicks.

Q. Did you have confidence in Miss Hicks?

A. I did not.

Q. Did she have confidence in you?

A. I don't think so.

Q. So you acknowledge that you wouldn't trust her?

A. I would not.

Although changing her testimony as regarding the time she and Miss Hicks returned from berrying in the morning, the witness straightened her answers and finally placed the time as 12:30. The questioning then went on as to the happenings after dinner.

Q. Did Miss Hicks remain at the house till you went berrying?

A. She did.

Mrs. Kenniston then stated the little girl remained at the house until they went berrying the second time.

Q. Do you know that Alice was at the house and remained until you went berrying the second time?

A. I don't remember.

When pressed the witness said she did not understand the question.

Q. She was at the house then until you went berrying the second time?

A. Yes, sir.

Mrs. Kenniston told when questioned about the dinner that was gotten.

Q. What time did you start for the field the second time?

A. About 1 o'clock.

Q. Do you want to testify to that as a fact?

A. It's the best I can do.

Q. Do you wish to make it a statement?

A. Yes.

Q. Did Miss Hicks go berrying the second time?

A. Yes.

Q. Who was there when you started out?

A. The little girl.

Q. Anyone else?

A. Not the second time.

Q. Where was the girl?

A. On the piazza playing.

Q. You wish to state that as a fact, no question about it?

A. Yes.

Q. What was she doing?

A. Playing with blossoms, dandelions.

Q. How many?

A. About what a person could hold in their hands.

The witness became slightly mixed again as to the time and said it was 1:30 when they went berrying and said her first answer was not true. She said they went in no other lot but the Bradshaw pasture, they were in about the same location as in the morning and that she and Mrs. Hicks were quite a distance from the house.

Q. Where you could overlook the house?

A. Not all of the time.

Q. But practically all of the time?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you take Alice with you that time?

A. No, Miss Hicks left her at the house.

Q. How long were you up there?

A. Probably till about three or four o'clock.

The witness finally placed the time at half past four. Q—What made the difference in times? A—I don't know exactly what time it was. Q—You have been guessing most of the time, haven't you? A—I have not, only didn't know exactly what time it was. Q—Well, the time when you returned to the house was half past four? A—As near as I can make it. Mrs. Kenniston then told of returning to the house and finding Alice gone, or searching for a few minutes and that Miss Hicks had remained with her all the time.

Denied Ever Being a Gypsy.

The witness was asked if she had had a talk with a detective. She said she thought she did. Q—Did you tell him you were at one time a member of a gypsy band and did you authorize him to say that the child was possibly picked up by gypsies and carried away? A—I might have. Q—Did you

or did you not? A—I don't think I did. Q—Is your memory good? A—Not always. Q—You are remembering all occurrences? A—Why some days I can and some days I can't. Q—Can you tell when the curtains were put down? A—Yes, by Miss Hicks. Q—Why? A—Because of the hot sun. Q—Are you sure? A—Yes. Q—Was Alice in the house at that time? A—She was in the yard.

After giving testimony as to the horse she bought from Bradshaw Mrs. Kenniston, in answer to questions, stated she arrived home that afternoon about six o'clock and that she left the Bradshaw place about five.

When telling of giving a statement of her guilt to the Boston detective she further said she threatened her with the electric chair. At that point the witness broke down and cried for some minutes. Attorney General Barber asked the witness later, if she had not had several long talks with her attorneys and in those talks it was agreed that the whole defense was centered around Sheriff Worthen. Mrs. Kenniston said, "No, I have not. When pressed further along the line of what she had had with her attorneys she finally said that her attorneys had always instructed her to tell the truth and nothing but the truth.

Denied Being Prompted.

Q—Haven't you ever recited to them what you told here in court yesterday about Alice being a nice little girl, etc.? A—Yes, I have told them both she was a nice little thing. Q—As a matter of fact, haven't they assisted you in formulating answers? A—Not that I know of. Q—Not at all, in any way? A—No.

Mrs. Kenniston then told the questioning attorney that her confessor to Ellery Gray upon the day of the search had been made heading for the house. Sheriff Worthen had told her to tell everyone the same story. Q—You would keep right along saying these things, wouldn't you? A—No, I have found out he doesn't keep his promise.

Monday, Sept. 10.

Late Monday afternoon the defense in the trial of Mrs. Alvin Kenniston charged with the murder of little Alice Bradshaw rested their case. Many witnesses were called in rebuttal by both the defense and prosecution, and State's Attorney James B. Campbell, for the prosecution, and Attorney Harry Witters, for Mrs. Kenniston, had made their pleas to the jury before a recess was declared by Judge Fish at 8:20. The morning session opened with Mrs. Kenniston on the stand under cross examination by Attorney General Barber.

Among the witnesses introduced by the attorneys for the defense during the morning were Morton H. Cheney and Edward F. Young, electricians. The former stated that he was employed at the electric light plant supplying Lyndon and Lyndonville with current. He said in direct examination that the lights were all on in Lyndon village during the night of July 5 and Edward F. Young who has charge of repairing the lamps stated that to his knowledge there were none broken in that vicinity on that night. The defense entered the testimony with the idea, it is understood, of impeaching the testimony of John Kerwin to the effect that he saw no lights on the trip to the place where the body was or on the return. The defense placed other witnesses on the stand to show that on the night in question lights were plainly visible all along the route said by Kerwin to have been taken.

Didn't Know Where Body Was.

Frank Trefren and Perley Grant of Lyndon testified under examination as to the locality around the former's place, and also stated that the day Kerwin was taken to that vicinity to search he told each of them he did not know where the body was. Chas. Kinney, town representative, Miss Wilda Wells and Frank Plimley testified to going to Lyndon the day Kerwin gave his testimony, and of following the route given by him in examination as taken by Miss Wells in stenographic notes. The defense endeavored to show that the route said to have been taken by Kerwin and Mrs. Kenniston on the night of July 5 could not have been covered in near the estimated time, and that had it been taken, Kerwin could not have seen lights along the way.

At this point the state introduced two witnesses who were unable to testify on the preceding day. Leon Perrier and Gil Brown of Lyndonville testified to Kerwin's working on July 5 from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m. Fred Harriman, deputy sheriff, was recalled to the stand and testified to hearing Mrs. Kenniston say in the presence of other officials in the sheriff's office that she choked Alice and Miss Hicks struck her with a club. He further stated there was no rough language used at the time.

Sheriff Worthen was also called to the witness stand and denied ever threatening the respondent or to using violent or abusive language to her. He further said he did not make promises of liberation to Mrs. Kenniston, if she would make incriminating statements, and he did not tell her he would get her a lawyer and then get George Leith the detective. Sheriff Worthen was also on the stand at the opening of court in the afternoon.

Afternoon Session.

Under cross examination by Attorney Porter, Mr. Worthen said he did not take Mrs. Kenniston from her cell but twice as he remembered it. Q. Did you ever take her from her cell when she was crying? A. I never did. Referring to a former time, the witness was asked: Q. On the first occasion did you ever say to Mrs. Kenniston that Miss Hicks had confessed and that Alice was dead and did she say to you that she bet she (Alice) was alive? Upon objection by General Barber the question was reframed and the answer was, I did not. Q. Did you tell her on that occasion that if she wanted to go home to come along and help find the child? A. I did not.

The defense then called Anna Beaw to the stand. The witness was Mrs. Kenniston's cellmate in the county jail at the time the respondent was first placed there. She was asked with the idea of refuting the testimony of Sheriff Worthen. Q. Were you in the county jail about the second week in July last? A. I was. Q. Did you see the respondent there, if so, where was she? A. Upstairs in the cell where I was. Q. Did you see her and Mr. Worthen talking together? A. I did. Q. When was that? A. About half an hour after Mr. Worthen had been there. The witness then stated that at that time Mrs. Kenniston said the child was alive. Q. Did Worthen say that Miss Hicks had confessed? A. Yes. Q. Did he take her from the cell a number of times? A. Yes. Q. When she came back was she crying? A. About every time.

Attorney General Barber opened his cross-examination by asking if the witness knew a man by the name of Goodheart. She said she did and had known him for several years. Q. While you were in county jail you were being held on a charge of adultery? Attorney Porter objected to the question on the ground that the witness had never been convicted of the crime and therefore it would not be legal evidence. The line of evidence used in what was thought to be an endeavor to reflect upon the worth of the testimony, was ruled out by the court.

Many Other Witnesses.

Owen Woods of Lyndon, electrician, testified that the current was on in the light plant at 12 o'clock on the night of July 5 when he came to work. John Bradshaw said he did not take a lantern with him when he commenced the search of his fields on the morning of July 6. Alonzo Dees, living a mile and a half from Lyndon, testified to seeing Mrs. Kenniston on two occasions near his home, and that on the last occasion he saw her riding the wagon wheel with a rope. Q. Did you say something about the reason for tying the wheel? A. Yes, sir. Q. What did she say? She said she was tying the wheel because she was afraid the horse would fall down? Exception was taken to the question and it was omitted. The witness then described the horse.

Alexander Dunnett was called to the stand by the defense. He testified to visiting the place where the body was found two or three days after and that the place where it had lain was pointed out by Mr. Ford. He said he examined the ground and told of a terrace extending near the feet of the child as pointed out to him. In cross-examination Attorney Barber attempted to bring out that the witness made the examination with an ulterior motive in mind and that beyond paying particular attention to the terrace in question he did not examine the rest of the land as minutely. After examining as to the location, Attorney General Barber asked, Do you think you could describe the place more accurately than Eddy Gray who has lived there many years? Mr. Dunnett replied that he did not know Mr. Gray's powers of description. Q. After you left the place you made some expletive to the effect that you thought the child was not dead? A. I said what I thought. I don't think I made any statement.

Respondent's Testimony Refuted.

E. Dorman Stockwell, of Lyndon, related a conversation between himself and Mr. Kenniston which took place in the hearing of the respondent regarding some promised work on July 5. Q. Did you ask Mr. Kenniston why he did not come and help you as he promised on that afternoon, and did he tell you his wife was not at home to wake him. A. Yes. Q. Did you ask him if he would help you the next day and did the respondent say, He can't because I am going to the Bradshaw place fishing. I know where there is a trout brook up there with trout in it? A. She did. Mrs. Kenniston when on the witness stand denied having any talk of going fishing and said she knew of no brooks on the Bradshaw land.

Other witnesses called in rebuttal were: Frank Trefren, John Bradshaw, Mrs. James Bradshaw, Ellery Gray, Sheriff Worthen and Fred Harriman.

Attorneys' Plea to Jury.

Attorney James B. Campbell in a strong plea to the jury reviewed the evidence given and refuted arguments brought by the attorneys for the defense. He decried the theory that the child could have walked so far from home and argued that the testimony showed conclusively she was unable to walk over rough ground. From the evidence relating to the position of the child's body Attorney Campbell called the jury's attention to the idea that a child falling from exhaustion or stumbling over a ridge would hardly fall in the position the girl's body was found, that in such an instance she would be sure to throw up her hands to protect her face.

Taking each witness' testimony in turn Attorney Campbell gave an intensive study to each phase from the beginning of the long trial.

Attorney Witters in speaking to the jury hammered relentlessly on the unreliability of the testimony of John Kerwin, the self-confessed accessory, stating that to all intents and purposes his testimony and confession were to get himself out of a bad hole.

The testimony of George Leith, the Pinkerton detective, who was referred to as the "High-priced corn-fed Boston detective," was discredited because of the manner in which it was said to have been gotten. Mr. Witters referred to the respondent's

actions after returning home July 5, as being perfectly natural.

EAST BURKE.

(Mrs. B. F. Humphrey, Cor.)

Miss Rosa Narcotte from Cambridge, Mass., spent Saturday with her friend, Miss Escher Counter. Perley and Rosa Laveley will enter Lyndon Institute this fall. Mrs. Annie Scroggie and two children, who have been spending some time at Miles Bailey's, have returned to their home in Beebe. Mrs. Arthur Caswell is visiting her grandmother in Canada. Mr. and Mrs. James Counter and little son from Montpelier and Leon Counter from Braintree, Mass., visited their brother, Oliver Counter, and family Monday. Peter Shanty fell Monday and dislocated his shoulder. Mrs. Ellen Lang and daughter, Florence, are spending a few days in Kirby with her mother, Mrs. John Lang. Mr. and Mrs. John Lang and daughter, Ida, and Mrs. Ellen Walter and daughter, Florence, went Wednesday to Monroe to attend Old Home Day celebration. Perley Edmunds is clerking in Webster & Kelly's store. The Ladies' Aid met Wednesday with Mrs. M. H. Gilson for an all day meeting. Rev. for the Red Cross Thursday afternoon at the vestry. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Webster and Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Keith in Irasburg Sunday. Miss Lizzie Jenkins visited her friend, Mrs. H. H. Hardy, in Orleans Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Perley Kenniston and two children of Peabody were at their home here Sunday. Mrs. Mary Foster from Canaan with her daughter, Della, was visiting at Charles Foster's. Miss Ida Lang is sick. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Brown from Newbury visited Mr. and Mrs. John Lang Monday. Mrs. Howard Gorham returned from Old Orchard, Me., Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hunter and children and Asa Hunter returned Tuesday from Boston, where they have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Batchelder. Mrs. Amos Bourne returned Saturday from Littleton, N. H.—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Houghton were in Victory Sunday to attend the funeral of her brother, Almon Page.

LOWER WATERFORD.

(Mrs. G. A. Ballou, Correspondent.)

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Morrison of St. Johnsbury spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Henry Morrison. Mrs. Colby of Plainfield, N. H., is visiting her son, Morris Colby. Mrs. C. I. Hemmingson and daughter, Wilma, spent last week with relatives at Wiloughby Lake. The village school opened last Tuesday with Mrs. Bullock, teacher. The hill school opened the same day with Mrs. Besta Tilton, teacher. Miss Margaret Colby has gone to Lyndonville to attend school, and Miss Helen Goss has returned to the St. Johnsbury Academy. Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Morrison of Lyndonville were Sunday guests of W. J. Morrison. Miss Grace of Lawrence, Mass., was a recent guest at E. W. Powers'. The salad and baked bean supper in the vestry last Wednesday evening was well attended. Floyd Blodgett of Lyndonville is visiting at his brother, George T. Blodgett's. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morrison of Lyndonville were in town one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Reath and son, who have been boarding at the hotel, returned to their home in Brooklyn last week.

BROWNINGTON.

(A. W. Davies, Correspondent.)

George E. Wiggins and daughter, Pauline, of Boston have been visiting relatives in town the past week. Mrs. Carrie Crane and daughter, Lois, of Melrose, Mass., have been visiting at E. S. Kelley's the past week. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wiggins, Mrs. Minnie Clark, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Burroughs and Helen and Alva Day each spent a day attending Sherbrooke Fair. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davies were callers in Newport and Derby Sunday and Monday. Maurice McClellan who has been at A. W. Davies' through the summer, has returned home to West Mans. Excels Cassavant has moved his family here from Connecticut to the farm he recently purchased from Howard Emerson. Ethel Newton is teaching in the Orleans graded school this year. Celeste, Albert and Harold Caron, Freddie Newton and Robert Marsh, are attending school at Orleans. Schools began in town Tuesday. Miss Inez Winslow of Orleans is the teacher in the village, and Miss E. Marshall in the North school. Miss Alsey Young has accepted a position in a junior high school at Swanton as commercial teacher. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Newton were week-end guests in Sheffield. The entire community extend their sympathy to W. S. Kennerson and family in the loss of their buildings by fire which occurred Monday about noon. The household goods were saved.

GREENSBORO BEND.

The Webster Mill at East Greensboro Burned—Locals.

(Mrs. W. D. Hill, Correspondent.)

The mill at East Greensboro known as the Webster mill, burned to the ground about 10:30 Saturday night. Owing to a large crowd which gathered quickly the surrounding buildings were saved. The origin of the fire is unknown. Milton Piper was at home Sunday from the training camp in Massachusetts. He expects this is his last visit for some time. His many friends here wish him good luck and success wherever he may go. B. D. Piper was in Burlington Friday. Rev. Mr. Shaw, presiding elder of the St. Johnsbury district, preached at the M. E. church Sunday. Mrs. William Sternberg suffered a shock Sunday morning. At present she is more comfortable. Mrs. W. D. Hill and children visited at I. D. Macdon's in Greensboro Sunday. B. D. Piper was in Lisbon and Littleton, N. H., Saturday and Sunday. W. D. Hill has sold his black team to George Cary of St. Johnsbury. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Brown and Alice Munsey visited relatives in town over Sunday. Rev. Mr. Howard preached at the M. E. church in Hardwick Sunday.

PEABODY.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. met on Saturday, Sept. 8, at the hall at W. Barnet. Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Bailey have a little daughter, born Sept. 4. Mrs. Goldie Grigver, has gone to Concord to teach. Miss Geneva Chandler was at St. Johnsbury Saturday where she had an operation performed on her throat. William Nunn got his foot very badly cut the first of the week chopping at Mark Abbott's. Quite a number attended the wedding of Miss Eva G. Ward and Dr. R. C. Goss at North Danville church on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Robert Craig, who has been at Hampton, N. H., for a few days, came home Monday night. Schools began Tuesday, Sept. 4, with the following teachers: Corner, Katharine Allen; East Peabody, Ellen Bailey; East Part, Mantle Adams; Evelyn Hollow, Daphne Craig; North Part, Karen Carlson; Penny Street, Isabel Bradley; South Part, Winifred Rogers; South Peabody, Glenn Chandler. Mrs. Mabel Hebb of Johnson is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chandler. Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich of Fairhaven, Conn., who have been visiting their sister, Mrs. Clarence Pillsbury, went home Sunday. Mrs. Nellie Gile and Mildred of West Danville were at George Smith's Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. William Sanborn gave a dance to an invited company at their cottage at the Pondside on Friday evening, Aug. 31. About 50 were present. Henry Hancock of Danville played the violin accompanied by the organ. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Rev. E. H. Leiberfeld preaching service at Ewell's school house Tuesday evening, Sept. 4. Mr. and Mrs. William McCormick, Ellen Page of Danville and George Page of Boston called on friends in town Friday.

PERSONALS.

The death of Emma T. Fairbanks, wife of Rev. Edward T. Fairbanks, occurred Thursday morning, Sept. 6th. Carlisle Sargent and Howard Pliske of the United States navy have been appointed private orderlies to the commanding officer, C. E. Cushing, at the naval station, Bumpkin Island. They were chosen out of a thousand men stationed there.

Mrs. Jesse Gage, who has been spending a few days here has returned to her home in West Somerville.

Charles Tucker and Herman Tucker of the Vermont copper mines, Stratford mines, are spending a short time in town as the guests of W. J. Holloway. Lee Holloway of Walden is also visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Holloway.

Mrs. H. B. Gordon is in New York and Boston on a business trip. She accompanied Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ford who are on an automobile trip as far as Hartford, Conn.

Rev. and Mrs. William Carr of Windsor, Conn., are guests for a few days of Mrs. Helen C. Thompson.

Mrs. Seave Spear of Nashua, N. H., came Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Goodrich.

Miss Jessie Currier of Boston, Mass., is visiting in town as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Eldridge, at James Impey's.

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